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APPLICANTS: HASSAN JOMAA - 4 (PCT)
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Ass't. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the initial Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please add the attached Abstract of the Disclosure on a separate page.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On Page 1, above line 1, please insert the following paragraphs:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

Applicant claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 of German Application No. 198 59 668.5 filed December 23, 1998. Applicant also claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §120 of PCT/EP99/10350 filed